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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A device that includes at least one consumable source that decreases in effectiveness over time, the device comprising:

 a timer, operatively coupled to the consumable source, for maintaining the cumulative duration that the at least one consumable source is in use;

 an effectiveness indicator, operatively coupled to the timer, for indicating when the timer has reached a preset duration;

 a controller, operatively coupled to the timer and the effectiveness indicator, for receiving one or more signals from the timer and transmitting one or more other signals to the effectiveness indicator, the one or more other signals being based on the one or more signals from the timer to the controller; and

 an operational indicator, operatively coupled to the controller, for indicating when the consumable source is in use;

 wherein the controller independently controls the effectiveness indicator and the operational indicator for causing the operational indicator to indicate that the consumable source is in use while simultaneously causing the effectiveness indicator to indicate an effectiveness of the consumable source that decreases in effectiveness over time.

Claims 2-3. (Canceled)

Claim 4. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the effectiveness indicator is at least one of a visual or audible indicator, and wherein the visual indication may be one of visual indicator going from "off" to "on" or "on" to off".

Claim 5. (Original) The device as claimed in claim 4, including a service indicator for indicating a need for servicing by an individual, wherein the service indicator is at least one of visual or audible, and the need for servicing is based on the one or more signals from the timer to the controller.

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Claim 6. (Original) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one consumable source is a light source.

Claim 7. (Original) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one consumable source is an adhesive surface.

Claim 8. (Original) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the indicator is at least one of a visual or audible indicator.

Claim 9. (Previously Presented) A device that includes at least one consumable source that decreases in effectiveness over time, the device comprising:

 a sensor, operatively coupled to the consumable source, for sensing the effectiveness of the at least one consumable source; and

 an indicator, operatively coupled to the sensor, for indicating an effectiveness of the at least one consumable source;

 a controller, operatively coupled to the sensor and the effectiveness indicator, for receiving one or more signals from the sensor and transmitting one or more other signals to the effectiveness indicator, the one or more other signals being based on the one or more signals from the sensor to the controller; and

 an operational indicator, operatively coupled to the controller, for indicating when the consumable source is in use;

 wherein the controller independently controls the effectiveness indicator and the operational indicator for causing the operational indicator to indicate that the consumable source is in use while simultaneously causing the effectiveness indicator to indicate an effectiveness of the consumable source that decreases in effectiveness over time.

Claims 10-11. (Canceled)

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Claim 12. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the effectiveness indicator is at least one of a visual or audible indicator, and wherein the visual indication may be one of visual indicator going from "off" to "on" or "on" to off".

Claim 13. (Original) The device as claimed in claim 12, including a service indicator for indicating a need for servicing by an individual, wherein the service indicator is at least one of visual or audible, and the need for servicing is based on the one or more signals from the timer to the controller.

Claim 14. (Original) The device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the at least one consumable source is a light source.

Claim 15. (Original) The device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the at least one consumable source is an adhesive surface.

Claim 16. (Original) The device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the indicator is at least one of a visual or audible indicator.

Claim 17. (Original) The device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the sensor is a timer.

Claim 18. (New) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the device is a hand dryer.

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